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#### What's Revised?

# **Policies**

- <u>CPP-IV-A-5-100</u>, **Parent, Child, and Sibling Visitation**: The language has been updated to "being under the influence of a substance(s)."
- <u>CP&P-V-A-1-100</u>, Overview Medical Care of Children Receiving Services from CP&P: policy includes the following revisions:
  - The definition of oral examination replaced a definition for dental examination
  - Children in out-of-home placement must be assessed for a dental home as early as one year of age
  - The definition of the Office of Clinical Services replaced the definition of the Office of Child and Family Health
  - Clarified that one objective of health services is to help pregnant minors to obtain medical care
  - o Brought terminology up-to-date
- <u>CPP-V-A-1-1050</u>, **HIV Testing Policy for Minors**: The language has been revised from "drug abuse" to "substance use disorder."

- <u>CPP-V-B-1-200</u>, Case Handling Protocol for referrals for CP&P Clients to Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs: The language has been revised to "substance use disorder programs."
- <u>CPP-IX-C-1-100</u>, **New Worker Training Requirements**: The language has been revised from "understanding substance use and addiction" to "understanding substance use disorder."
- CON-I-A-1-1.15.2016, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability
   Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and Business Associate Agreement (BAA): The
   language has been updated to "substance use disorder treatment programs."

#### **Forms**

- Form 2-3, Missing Person Form: The language in the instructions has been updated to "substance use disorder."
- Form 9-28, Notification Letter to Perpetrator (Substantiated Perpetrator), If Child Abuse/Neglect is SUBSTANTIATED with Frequently Asked Questions: form has been revised to include the following language, "If you choose to appeal and are deemed eligible for a hearing at the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), you are entitled to representation by counsel of your choosing at the hearing. If you cannot afford an attorney and are determined to be eligible by the Office of Administrative Law, an attorney will be assigned to represent you." Note: The additional language will be added to the Spanish version of the form shortly.
- Form 15-14, Child travels Overseas Form: The letterhead has been removed from this form.
- Form 26-90, Full Disclosure Checklist for Working with Birth Families:
   The language in the instructions has been updated to "substance use disorder."

# Regulations

N.J.A.C. 3:16, Division Utilization of Family Child Care Providers: this
regulation was readopted with amendments effective August 2, 2019, and
include the following:

- Removal of the former agency title, Division of Youth and Family Services, and replaced with the current title, Division of Child Protection and Permanency
- Incidental amendments were made to conform with the correct style of writing.
- N.J.A.C. 3A:51, Manual of Requirements for Resource Family
   Parents: the Office of Licensing has readopted this regulation with numerous amendments. These amendments bring New Jersey into compliance with the national model family foster home licensing standards. Among the changes are:
  - The resource parent or applicant must have the ability to communicate in English and in a language the child understands
  - The resource parent or applicant must have functional literacy
  - The resource parent or applicant must disclose physical and mental health history and current mental health and substance abuse issues
  - Immunizations of children who are household members (but not children in placement) are not required if the child's medical provider documents that immunization is contrary to the child's health
  - Additional specifications regarding pools, hot tubs, and spas
  - No co-sleeping of adults and children
  - Additional smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are required
  - Certain pre-service training topics are specified
  - The resource parent must give assurances for things that may happen only after a child is placed in his or her care
  - One applicant of a couple who is incapacitated with medical confirmation is allowed to not meet the requirements
  - Limits on the use of cameras, monitoring devices, and recording devices
  - The child in placement's use of communication devices in addition to the telephone
  - Children in placement aged 18 and over are allowed to be responsible for their own health care and medications, with exceptions

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### What's Obsolete?

## **Forms**

• CP&P Form 11-2, Child's Medical Examination Form.

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